(d) The amount allocated under RCH Programme to Karnataka from 1998-99 in both Cash and Kind is as below:

(*Rs. in crores*)

Year	Cash	Kind	Total
1998-99	3.83	17.49	21.32
1999-2000	4.89	15.88	20.77
2000-2001	16.43	20.78	37.21
2001-2002*	4.43	7.11	11.54

*as on 21/11/2001

Deaths due to expired medicines

794. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of deaths reported during the last three years due to use of expired medicines;

(b) the mechanism to check the sale and consumption of expired medicines; and

(c) the steps Government have taken to make the mechanism more effective to control the menace?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. P. THAKUR): (a) There are no such reports available from State Licensing Authorities on the deaths reported due to sale and in take of expired medicines.

(b) and (c) Under the provisions of Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and Rules made thereunder, State Governments have been empowered to enforce quality of drugs including check on sale of date expired medicines by the chemists and druggists. Rule 65 (17) required that no drugs shall be sold or stocked by the licensee after the date of expiration of potency recorded on its container, label or wrapper or in violation of any statement or direction recorded on such container, label or wrapper.

The State Drug Control Officers randomly draw samples from manufacturers, tarders and get their quality validated through their Government laboratories. The Central Government has advised the State Government from time to time for speedy testing of drugs of questionable quality. It has also provided assistance to strengthen and augment infrastructure facilities in their laboratories.